

Department of Pesticide Regulation
California School IPM Program
Update on Accomplishments and Future Plans
(January 2006 – December 2006)

You can view [previous updates](#) to the School IPM Advisory Group on our [School IPM Web site](#).

1. Accomplishments (January 2006—June 2006)

Training

- During this six month period, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) conducted two regional school integrated pest management (IPM) training workshops for school district IPM coordinators (see table below). Michael Baefsky taught landscape IPM and Ingrid Carmean taught structural IPM at all locations. From 2002 to the present, DPR has conducted 17 regional training workshops and trained 615 people from 506 of the state's approximately 991 school districts.

Date (2006)	Location	City	County
April 10	Roosevelt High School	Fresno	Fresno
June 16	Cloverdale High School	Cloverdale	Sonoma

- DPR staff finished a DPR Pest Information Series handout on [mice and rats](#). Visit our School IPM Web site at www.schoolipm.info, click on “Managing Pests” in the left-hand column, look under “Pest Prevention and Management,” and then “Resources” to view all the DPR Pest Information Series handouts.
- DPR has collaborated with University of California (UC) Statewide IPM Program to produce four interactive DVDs for school district training workshops. The 23 – 35 minute DVDs present information about IPM, management options, and a question and answer session intended to generate group discussion. Three DVDs target school district IPM coordinators and discuss (1) IPM for ants in Schools (with emphasis at the teacher/instructor level), (2) IPM for weeds in Schools, and (3) IPM for Cockroaches in Schools. The fourth DVD is intended for school administrators and will help explain the importance, cost effectiveness, and the long-term benefits of implementing an IPM program. Please contact Tom Babb, School IPM team lead, at tbabb@cdpr.ca.gov, if you would like copies of any of these DVDs.

Outreach

DPR staff:

- Completed a [poster](#) that reminds teachers not to use pesticides in classrooms and lists ways to prevent pests. In June and July, we plan to distribute enough copies to IPM coordinators statewide so they can post them at all schools in their districts.
- Sent information to IPM coordinators and others each month about school IPM topics and our school IPM program.
- Made four presentations and responded to numerous questions and requests for information from school districts and other stakeholders.

- Published the following articles:
 - Simmons, S. 2006. [Pest Prevention—Indoor Maintenance Practices](#). CASH Register 27(4): 9, 11-12.
 - Simmons, S. 2006. [Pest Prevention—Outdoor Maintenance Practices](#). CASH Register 27(3): 6-8.
 - Brattesani, M. 2006. [The Healthy Schools Act of 2000](#)—a section in the California Environmental Protection Agency [Children’s Environmental Health Program Biennial Report \(2004-05\)](#). Pages 23-25. Sacramento.

Other

- Assembly Bill 405 became law on January 1, 2006. This law prohibits the use of certain pesticides in schools. DPR developed a list (include link) of these pesticides for school district personnel and pest control businesses working for school districts. Specifically, the law prohibits the use on a school site of certain pesticides that:
 - Are registered in the State of California under a conditional registration, an interim registration, or an experimental use permit, or;
 - DPR canceled, suspended, or required phase out of use.

The law also prohibits vendors and pesticide manufacturers from making such pesticides available to a school district by sale or gift.

This bill was authored by Assembly Member Montanez and sponsored by California Safe Schools. For a copy of Assembly Bill 405, go to www.assembly.ca.gov. Click on “Legislation,” and then select the 2005-2006 session. Type the bill number “405,” and click “Search.” Click on the chaptered version.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation posted the list to DPR’s School IPM Web site home page at www.schoolipm.info. Click on “AB 405 List of Prohibited Pesticides” in the right-hand column. DPR plans to update the list of pesticides quarterly.

- DPR collects pesticide use information from licensed pest control businesses. Staff has completed a temporary database in which information can be stored. Data entry began in June 2006 and is expected to take several months to enter from the hard copy format stored since 2002.

2. Future Plans (July 2006—December 2006)

Training

- DPR plans to conduct two regional school IPM training workshops statewide as shown in the table below—specific dates and locations to be determined. Each workshop can accommodate up to 40 participants. At each workshop, information about IPM and how it benefits schools will be presented. County Agricultural Commissioners will discuss enforcement issues related to school IPM and the Healthy Schools Act. Trainers include Michael Baefsky for landscape IPM and Ingrid Carmean for structural IPM.

Date (2006)	Location
July 11	Pacific Grove
October 13	San Diego

Survey

- The 2004 survey [report](#) was completed and results will be distributed to all school districts and other interested parties.

Outreach

DPR staff plans to:

- Complete and distribute a calendar of IPM activities to IPM coordinators that will highlight preventive practices, monitoring, and other IPM activities to consider each month.

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